



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail No. EV 284714283 in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: October 7, 2004

Signature:

Deborah Ricks
(Deborah Ricks))

Docket No.: 47079-00117USPT
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Shridhar P. Joshi

Confirmation No.: 3932

Application No.: 09/965,163

Art Unit: 3714

Filed: September 27, 2001

Examiner: A. P. Rada

For: GAMING MACHINE WITH SWEEPSTAKES
ENTRY DISPENSER

RECEIVED
OCT 13 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

AMENDMENT WITH RCE

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 7, 2004 (Paper No. 19), finally rejecting claims 1, 3-4, 14, 16, 18, 20-21 and 27-36. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by August 7, 2004. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the period of response to October 7, 2004. Please amend the above-specified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.